



# NEBRASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recently you should have received your child's Individual Student Report (ISR). The results are from the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science summative assessments that were administered in spring 2019. The NSCAS, pronounced "en-skass," is Nebraska's statewide assessment system that embodies the state's holistic view of students' performance and helps them prepare for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life. The results provide educators and decision makers at all levels with the insights they need to support instruction of College and Career Ready (CCR) standards and student learning.

A variety of factors influence student achievement, and no single test is able to measure all of those factors. NSCAS scores are used, however, to help identify areas of academic strength as well as areas that students, schools, and the district can improve. These results provide one piece of evidence about your child's academic progress. Your student's teachers, school, and district have additional evidence that can help provide you with a more complete picture of your child's progress.

### **Nebraska Adopts More Rigorous Standards**

In the spring of 2017, the English Language Arts portion of the statewide assessment transitioned from former standards to the more rigorous CCR standards. The NSCAS Mathematics assessment made this transition during the spring of 2018. Science will make the transition to CCR standards in the spring of 2021.

Students will each receive an achievement level that indicates their performance on the NSCAS assessments. Students performing at the On Track and College and Career Ready Benchmark are considered proficient. Additionally, students scoring at these levels are meeting or exceeding expectations and are likely to be ready for success at the next grade level.

An [\*ISR Interpretive Guide for Parents\*](#) is available online to provide additional information and aid in understanding test results. This guide provides a definition of each achievement level. Visit <https://community.nwea.org/community/nebraska> and look for the "Parents/Students" tab.

If you have additional questions, we encourage you to reach out to your student's teacher(s) and school.

Sincerely,

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